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A R O M A S A I R

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
ELECTION RESULTS -- Mary Jane Morton-172, Delbert Armer-169, Keith Morgan-166.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DRILLS are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Due to Thanksgiving, November dates are the 13th and 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Aromas relies heavily on its volunteer crew. Those interested phone Tom Henry, Fire Chief, 722-6722.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The November one is the 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. These meetings are open, and the public is most welcome.

GRANGE meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The first is a business meeting, and this month will be on the 14th at 7:30 p.m. The second meeting is always a Potluck Social; the next one is November 28, at 7 p.m. The Grange is a fraternal organization, set up originally to protect farmers and to provide a meeting ground. Check into the Grange insurance and credit union benefits. Also, join in the fun!! The Halloween Party and Potluck was a howling success!! The children were entranced by ventriloquist Jim Brown; poems were by Alice Turner, Mr. Mayor, Theresa King, and others. Decorations provided an autumn wonderland and the dinner was delectable. Why doesn't everyone turn up at the next Potluck on the 28th? Grange Master Sam Worrell would be jazzed if you joined! 724-9108.

THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL at Aromas School took in $1,094.00!! Thanks go to all who worked so diligently to make this yearly event a success. Profits and prizes will be noted in the next issue.

OIL PAINTING, ANYONE? Carl Martin conducts a class every Thursday morning, 9:30 to 12:00 at the Fire Station. The course is open to anyone, and registration ($5.00) is handled through the Watsonville Evening School office.

One member of this ardent class, Greta Justus, took home first place in the landscape division at the San Benito County Fair recently. In fact, the whole Justus family has been bringing home prizes: Ken Justus took first place in the leather division at the Santa Cruz County Fair; Kim, 15, was noted for her patchwork leather purse and sculpture; and Greg, 12, was rewarded for his tissue and ink collge. The pursuit of the arts is indeed a noble undertaking.

ASTRONOMY CLASSES are held at Aromas School on Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. Star gazing is for everyone.

SOCCER for 5th and 6th graders after school has produced an Aromas team! They lost by only one point in Friday's game at Ramsey Park. Aromas-0, Pajaro-1.

CANDLEMAKING CLASSES conducted by Stephanie Harlan take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 in the Aromas School cafeteria. All are welcome. Wax easy.

TALENT, TALENT, TALENT. Aromas is full of it. Let your light shine. Let us know what it is you do and we'll tell you when you can do more of it. We need instructors in Journalism, Geology, etc., etc. Call Stephanie Harlan at Aromas School, 724-0178.

MATERIALS, MATERIALS, MATERIALS. Mrs. VanDeren needs lumber to make bookcases for 5th and 6th graders in Room 8 at Aromas School. Also, we need playground equipment for the school, and able-bodied people to install it. The playground is barren, so let's begin work soon. Call the school to schedule a workplan: 724-0178.

AROMAS SCHOOL WELCOMES back Edie McDonald as Head Custodian this week, and sends appreciation to Ken Miller who stepped in during her leave of absence.

BAKE SALES will be given by 5th and 6th graders for "listening posts" in Room 8 at the school. The earphones provide individualized learning in spelling, math, and reading. The sales will take place at Marshalls' Grocery on Saturday, November 21, and Saturday, December 14.

GIRL SCOUTS are active in Aromas. Recently they had a bowling meet and took part in Halloween Treats at Pajaro Convalescent Hospital. Cadets meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Aromas School Library. Juniors meet Monday afternoons at 3:30 at the King residence, 379 Carpenteria. There will be a Planning Board meeting November 13. November 20th there will be an All-Scout Get-Together at Watsonville High School cafeteria, 7 p.m.; refreshments provided. Calendar sales will run for two weeks--be sure to get one, only $1.00 each. For the Brownies: "HOBO" DAY from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Veterans' Day, November 11, at Branciforte Park. Girl Scout leader is Mrs. Luzovich, 724-9292.

BOY SCOUTS need storage space for newspapers. Recycling is one of their concerns. The word for this year is "work"! Scouts must work to earn the right to their badges and titles. Boy Scout leader is Mr. Luzovich, 724-9292.

4-H provides plenty of activity for those interested in raising animals cooking, sewing, leatherwork, electricity, square dancing, and community pride. Meetings are the first Friday of each month; next one is December 5, 7:30 p.m., in the Grange Hall. Florence Borba is the lady to call if you are interested, 724-8287.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (E.C.E.) is a state-funded program adopted only this year at Aromas School. Based on the theory that the first eight years of life are the most formative, the Kindergarten through Third Grade is involved in a most active program for learning and development. A program in which more than one adult is in the classroom, we now employ Teacher Aides and encourage parents to volunteer their time. To learn more about this multi-level undertaking, come to the next P.T.A. MEETING, Tuesday, November 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. An E.C.E. film presentation will be followed by comments from teachers, aides, and parents now involved. Visit the Resource Room and see the new library of learning materials available to the classrooms.

PARENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (P.A.C.) is the name given to a group of parents, teachers, and aides who are more than just a little interested in the future of the Early Childhood Education program. We hope to see this group grow in number and stature. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 3, at 3 p.m. at the Aromas School.

PARENTS WITH PRESCHOOLERS who wish to participate in the E.C.E. program, call Melinda Carpenter, 724-4551, to arrange for baby-sitting.

SOUTH ZONE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CARLOS LOPEZ will speak Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aromas School cafeteria. Mr. Lopez will answer questions about proposed solutions to our overcrowded condition. DON'T be surprised about what the administration hands down. BE THERE Tuesday night and be informed. Have a say; what happens to our children is still in our hands, unless we give up the responsibility through apathy and indifference.

TEACHERS CONFERENCES will be held November 19 through 25. These will be Minimum Days.

AROMAS SCHOOL will be closed November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving recess. Christmas vacation begins December 22, and school resumes January 5, 1976.

THE AROMAS BRANCH LIBRARY serves the people of Aromas living within the Pajaro Valley School District. Free library--no charges. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Preschool story time: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

THE AROMAS POST OFFICE announces its window hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., effective November 17. On Saturday, December 6, the Post Office will be open to help handle Christmas extras. Mail early!

THE AROMAS AIR can be whatever you want it to be. Let it serve you. Let us know what you would like to put in the Air. This issue consists largely of announcements, but we would like to have many sections, especially pertaining to Aromas and those of us who live here. Call me, Carole R. Jones, 724-0588, or the folks at Aromas School if you have any news, ads, suggestions, equipment, money, etc. for the next issue. When funds permit, we'll mail to the whole community. Many thanks to the citizens of Aromas who supplied information.